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State Council's Poster Art Contest Winners on West Steps of the State Capitol

SACRAMENTO - The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities and the California Arts Council have teamed up to present the Council's 2004-2005 Poster Art Contest Finalists with their awards on **the West Steps of the State Capitol on Friday, October 7, 2005**. The theme for the 2005 Poster Art Contest is "Believe and Achieve", which celebrates and promotes the artistic abilities of individuals with disabilities. The finalists' artwork will be on display. In addition, there will also be several other artists and performers who will highlight the importance of the arts in the State on this special California Arts Day.

The public is invited to come and meet with State Council Members, individual artists and performers, gather information from various arts organizations and enjoy a variety of performing artists. **California Arts Council Member Annette Bening and California Poet Laureate Al Young** will join with the artists and the performers to support the creativity in the State. The program is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for more information on the event contact Delia I. Soto, State Council Deputy Director at (916) 322-8481. Please visit the State Council's website at www.scdd.ca.gov.

Please join us and take part in California Arts Day!

The mission of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities which is a State Agency, is to advocate, promote and implement policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families.